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1772-73.

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## To the American Baptists in North Carolina in 1772-73.

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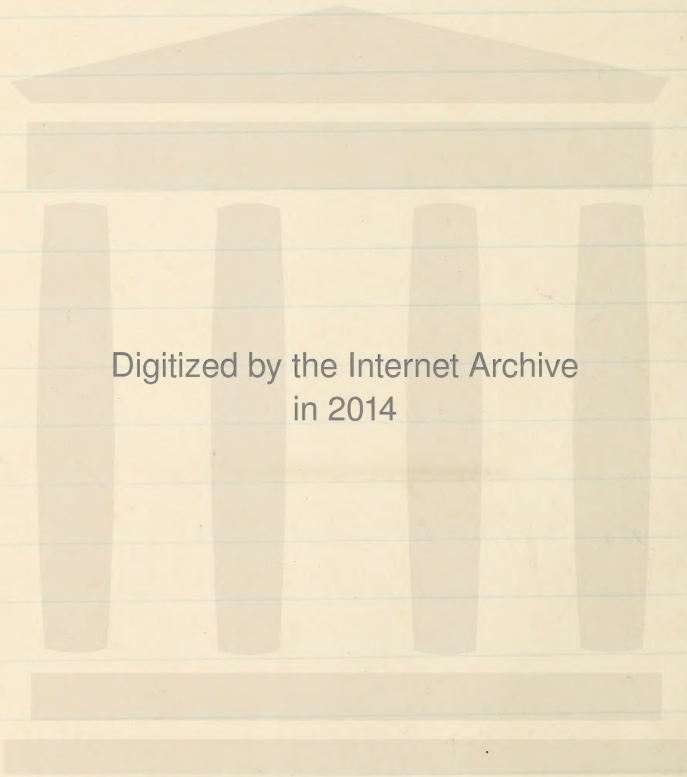

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Regular) Hitchcock (1772)
In the county of Anson, 200 miles
E by N from Newburn, and
miles from Philadelphia.
No meeting house, Constituted
March 28, 1772, at the house
of Wm Morris. Families 28, Members
14, Minister

Rev. Henry Easterling,
Born May 24, 1733 at the mouth
of Neuse river. Bred a church-
man. Embraced the principles of
the Baptists in 1760 in Dobbs
county by Rev. George Grahams. Called
to the ministry in 1762. Ordained
March 29, 1772 when he took care of
the church. He married Ellen
Bennett, by whom he has
children: Sherdock, Henry, Bennett,
John, James, Elizabeth, William

Mary, Martha, Jack. Came here in 1764, and preached in 1770. Baptised the following persons: Jonathan Lewelins, Wm Moody, Thomas Summerling, Wm Leggate, Wm Smith, Nathaniel Williams, Mary Smith, Fanny Williams. Constituted March 25, 1772, by Messrs. Edwards and Brown.

Little River (Separate)

A branch of Pedee, near to which the meeting house stands in the Parish of —— and county of Anson, 270 miles NNE from Newbern and —— miles from Philadelphia. The house is 30 feet by 20, built in 1758, on land given by Thomas Hand. The church consists of four branches: one near; another on Rocky River; another on Jones Creek; another on Mountain Creek, in each of which places is a house. No estate. Salary £60. Ruling elders laying on of hands admitted here. Divided about love-feasts, washing feet etc. Families about 60 whereof 48 persons are baptised and in communion, which is here administered the 2nd Lords day in —— No ordained minister

but two preachers John Bollin and Edmond Lilly. They began about 1769, when the following persons were formed into a church before they removed hither from Deep River, viz: Richard Curtis, Joseph Morphy and wife, John Lee and wife, William Searcy and wife, and Susanna Carr. The most remarkable things that may be said of this church are 1) That it in 3 years time increased from 8 souls to 500, but is now reduced low by reason of the removal of families to other parts, chiefly occasioned by oppressions which seem to them remediless since the battle of Alamance. The first minister was

Rev. Joseph Morphy

He was born April 1, 1734 in Spottsylvania. Bred a churchman,* Ordinance administered

* Embraced the principles of the Baptists in 1757 and shed the

to him by Shubal Stearns. Ordained in 1760. at which time he had the care of his little emigrating church: but resigned in 1768 to go to the Yadkin. His success is no less surprising than his conversion. He was once a man wicked to a proverb, but now an eminent christian, and a useful preacher. The vile Col. Fanning accused him of aiding and abetting the regulation, whereof he was as clear as any man whatsoever; yet a party of horse was sent to seize him, but could not find him. He married a Haley by whom he has children: Sarah, Ferriby, Elanor, Susanna, Elizabeth

Sandy-Creek (Separate)

So called from a creek running into Deep river, a branch of Cape Fear, in the county of Guilford, 250 miles N.W. from Newburn and —— miles from Philadelphia. The house is 30 feet by 26 built in 1762 on the land of Seamore York. No estate. Laying of hands and ruling elders admitted. No salary except helps in labour and presents, to the amount of about £ 20. The families about 40, whereof 15 persons are baptised and in communion which was here administered every other Sunday except when they could not get wine. No ordained Ministers but exhorters. Met Tidem Lane and James Billingsley. They began in this manner. The fall after (November 22.

1755) Braddocks defeat the following persons came from Ogukow in Virginia and settled in the neighborhood of Sandy Creek, viz: Rev Shubal Steams and wife, Joseph Breed and wife, Daniel Marshall and wife Shubal Steams Sr. and his wife, Ebenezer Steams and wife, Enis Stimson and wife, Peter Steams and wife, Jonothan Polk and wife; the same year they built a little meeting house near the present, where they administered the Lords Supper. Soon after the neighborhood was alarmed and the Spirit of God listed ~~to~~ blow as a mighty rushing wind in so much that in 3 years time they had increased to three churches, containing upwards of 900 communicants,

viz: Sandy Creek, Abbotts Creek and Deep River. The most remarkable events are these (1) It is a mother church, nay a grand mother and a great-grand mother. All the Separate Baptist sprang hence: not only eastward towards the Sea but westwards towards the great river Mississippi, but Northward to Virginia and Southward to South Carolina and Georgia. The word went forth from this Zion and great was the company of them who published it, insomuch that her converts were as the drops of morning dew. The first Church that sprang hence was Abbotts Creek, then Deep River, Little River, New River, [Ezek. Hunter], Southwest [Charles Markelin] Trent [James McDaniel] Staunton

River Va. [William Morphy] Fall Creek, Va; Samuel Harris
Dan River Va [Dulton Lane] Grassy Creek [James Reed] John
Hallies church Va; Amelia Va; [Jeremiah
Walker]. Fair Forest S.C. [Phillip Mulkey]
Congaree S.C. [Joseph Reed], Stephen's
Creek SC [Daniel Marshall] Shallow Fords
N.C. [Joseph Murphy] ect. The ministers
Daniel Marshall, Phillip Mulkey, John Hunter
Joseph Murphy, William Murphy, Dulton
Lane, Ezekiel Hunter, Charles Marklin,
James McDaniel, Joseph Reed, James Reed,
Samuel Harris, John Walker Jeremiah
Walker, — Suland, Elijah Creague,
Elnathan Davis. (2) This church
was reduced in — years to — souls,
partly by detachments to form other
churches, partly by departure of fam-
ilies to other provinces, partly by the
Regulations; the battle of Aldmance
was fought within 20 miles N.E of it. The

first minister Rev. Shubal Stearns. He had Messrs Joseph Breed and Daniel Marshall. Rev. Stearns was born January 28. 1706 in Boston. Bred a Presbyterian. Embraced the principles in the year 1751 at Tolland in Connecticut and had the ordinance administered to him by Rev. Wait Palmer. Came first to Oquetson, in Virginia and thence to Sandy Creek in November the 14, 1755. Died November 20. 1771 and was buried at Sandy Creek. He married Sarah Johnstone, but left no issue. Was ordained March 20 1751 at Tolland by Rev. Messrs. Wait Palmer and Joshua Moss elders of Stonington and New London

Association of the Separatists in North Carolina — It began in 1758 in June 2nd Monday at Sandy Creek and therefore called the Sandy Creek Association — The constituents were the church of Sandy Creek of Abbotts Creek and Deep River — In — years it increased to — churches. It is moveable. Held now the 2nd Saturday in October — held this year at Haw River. The churches in the Association are

Sandy Creek — Shubal Stearns
New River — Ezekial Hunter
South West — Charles Markland
Haw River — Elothan Davis
Little River — John Bollin (not ordained)
Shallow Fords — { Joseph Murphy / Daniel Marshall
Grassy Creek — James Reed *
Lockwoods Folly — } Mr. Guess (not ordained)

Trent- James McDonald *

This Association held at Sandy Creek the 2nd Saturday in October 1769 resolved "That if any took up arms against the civil authority he should be excommunicated

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Shallow Fords (Separate)

So called from the fords of the Ithin river, in the county of Surry, 330 Miles NW from Newburn and ___ miles from Philadelphia Twos branches one near the other at Mulberry fields, mother in the forks of the Ithin, near the Moravian settlement. Began with a few from Little River, the remains of Jersey settlement church. The minister Joseph Murphy, born in Spottsylvania April 5. 1734 Bred a Churchman baptized by Shubal Stearns at Deep River in 1757 ordained in 1760. Children. Sarah, Furibee Eleanor Sosanna, and Elyabeth. The mothers name is Haly

Holston Stanton Va.

A branch near another near the head of Roannoake - one at Stanton river. Began about 1762 - The minister, William Murphy, Baptized at Deep River by Shubal Stearns. Ordained at Stanton in 1763 - He married Sarah Barton; his first was one of the Hodges - He has children by both, John, Messiah, William, Joseph, Jabitha

Haw River (Separate)

The north branch of Cape Fear near to which the principal meeting house stands in Chatham county 20 miles above the forks and 190 miles west from Newbern and — S.S.W from Philadelphia. The church consists of six branches one near Haw River where is a house 32 feet by 24 built in 1769 on vacant land; another at Collins Mount north side of Haw River; Deep River, Rocky River, Tick Creek, Caraway Creek in Guilford county at each of which is a meeting house. The minister Rev. Jonathan Davis who has to his assistance Nathaniel Powell (Deep River) Drury Lucas (Rocky River)* George Williams (Rocky River) James Steward (Haw River). The families about 310 whereof 198 are baptised and ✠ in communion which is (here) administered the last Sunday in January, April, July, October in rotation at each branch

* Thomas Brown (Collins Mount) John Atkins (Caraway Creek)

No estate. No settled salary but helped to the amount of about £20 a year. Ruling elders imposition of hands, love feasts, visits of charity, anointing the sick, washing feet, etc. All admitted. They had their beginning in this manner; when Mulkeys church at Deep River emigrated the following remained, Nathaniel Powell, Conrad Doode and wife, Isaac Brooks and wife, George Williams, William Barker, Nehemiah Howard and wife, William Smith and wife, Mary Brooks, Sharper and Cato (negroes) Mr. Hodge James Steward, Simon Poe, Robert Calloh, Samuel Mash (these 4 baptized by Stearns). These constituted into a Church the last Saturday in October 1764. Joined Sandy Creek Association October 1765 The first minister is the present (remarks *)

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Rev Elnathan Davis.

Born November 9. 1735 at Baltimore county in Maryland, bred a 7th day Baptists: raised on James River in Virginia, and came to this part of the country in 1757. Baptised by Shubal Stearns, May 1764, called to the ministry at Haw River the same year. Ordained November 13, 1770 by Rev Samuel Harris and the elder James Steward. Married Mary Collins by whom her has children Ruth, Benjamin Elizabeth James, Jonathan. His conversion. He went to see John Steward dipt, and as to hear Mr. Stearns, when he had stood awhile he saw the people cry and tremble: then went off to persons at a distance. They asked "What think you of those damned peoples"

He made no reply but went back. felt the people that were trembling. found it was real. prayed that if it were of God that he might have a feeling. if not of God that he might stand unattacked. The trembling seized him. Read Romans 8, 1, which sealed his condemnation on Tuesday. Sunday following had deliverances.

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* things (1) They resolved the last Saturday in November to excommunicate any that would not join the Regulators, Mash threatened much. took many rifles. Robert Mash was threatened with 30 lashes a month till he consented to join the Regulators

Tar River

In Grenville county 165 miles N W from Newbern and ___ miles from Philadelphia. It consists of two branches: one near where is a meeting house 32 feet by 20 built in 1765 on land given by James Hughes; the other at Flat River, where a meeting ~~house~~ is kept in a school house. No estate. No salary. No elders, no laying on of hands. The families about 56 whereof 42 persons are baptized and in communion, which is here administered the 4th ~~Lords~~ day in January, April, July, October. They had their beginning as a church by Henry Ledbetter and wife, John Shearman and wife, Thomas Gee and wife, Richard Gibbs and wife, Edward Vesy and wife, James Langston, Solomon Langston Jeremiah

Lewis and wife, Benjamin Hubbard, William Forrest, Mary Shoemaker, Absolom Langston, Lucy Thompson, Elizabeth Span, These were the third day of April in 1761 constituted by Mr. Walker of Fishing Creek at whose church they had been a branch. Joined the conference in 1764. The first minister was

Rev. William Washington A native of Virginia. Bred a churchman. Baptised by Richard Jones at Bailey in Virginia about 1745 ordained about 1746 became minister of Tar River at the constitute in 1761 resigned the same year to Ledbetter. Married Tabetha Reves who bore him many children. Prosecuted in North Carolina for saying in Virginia churchmen were fools. Cost £40 at Enfield.

Rev Henry Ledbetter
taught to be a Calvinist by
Mr. Hollingsworth -
(See Limeches creek)

## Shallow Ford

So called from one of the fords of the Atkin river, near to which the meeting house stands in the county of Surry, 300 miles NNW of New bern and 560 miles SW from Philadelphia. The church consists of three branches, one near the ford, where is a place of worship 30 feet by 26 built in 1769 another branch in the fork of the Atkin another in the Mulberry fields. Ruling elders laying on of hands are here admitted but stand divided about washing feet &c. No estate No salary except presents, labour, &c to the amount of perhaps £20. The minister is

Rev Joseph Murphy

who has to his assistants Messrs David Allen, John Cates, David Chapman. The families

about 350 whereof 185 persons are baptized and in communion, which is here celebrated the 4th Lords day in the month. They began partly by emigrant Baptists who came hither from other churches partly by the remains of Mr Gano's church in Jersey settlement, and partly by the labour of Mr Joseph Murphy who baptised several. These to the number of 32 were in 1769 constituted into a distinct church and joined the Sandy Creek Association in —— No remarkable event hath happened since, except the rapid increase of the society from 32 to 185 in three years time. The Minister is

Rev Joseph Murphy
(See under Little River)

Fishing Creek

A branch of Tar River near to which the meeting house stands, in the Parish of St John, and the county of Brute. 150 NW from Newbern and — miles SSW from Philadelphia. The church consists of three branches one near the said creek, where is a house 52 feet by 28 erected in 1771 on a lot of 2 acres, the gift of Thomas Onebey, another at Benfields Creek 28 miles off another at Sandy Creek 17 miles off, another near Giles Creek 25 miles off, in each of which is a meeting house. Benfields Creek is soon to be constituted. No estate. The salary £50 a year to the present minister Rev William Walker. He has to his assistants Jacharial Thomson and William Cook. No laying on of hands; ruling elders admitted,

no feasts of Charity &c. The families about 500 where of 250 persons are baptised and in communion, which is here administered in rotation the 3rd Sunday in the month. This the present State: They began december 6. 1756 when the following persons were constituted into a Church, by means of Rev Messrs Benjamin Miller and P. P. Vanhorn, Samuel Davis, Samuel Mangum, James Petty and wife Diana Ham, William Walker, Edward Carlisle and wife, Sarah Davis, Richard Acock and wife, Richard Bennett, Martha Acock.

The most remarkable things: 1) This is a church by a kind of ~~miraculous~~ transformation from Genral to Particular Baptists this transformation happened at Quelcoky by means of Robert Williams who served the

seed of Calvinism, after him a private man (whose name was William Hallis) conversed with them and made some impression then Edward Brown preached it, then Thomas Pope, then William Walker, afterwards Sams clinched it in 1753 afterwards said Miller and Van Horn. (2) Mother of John McGlamery Lebetter and Smart, Thomson, William Washington, Walker, The present minister

Rev William Walker

Born January 24. 1717 at New Kent county Va. Bred a churchman, embraced the sentiments of the Baptists August 9. 1746 and had the ordinance administered by William Surgenor at Duchorky. Ordained in 1748 by Josiah Hart and Deacons embraced Calvinism in the year 1752. Took care of the church about 1755-

Married Jane Bargo by whom he has children.
Peter, William, Sarah, Mary, Martha,
James, John, Joel, Lystice, Mercy, Hope,
His predecessor was

Rev Thomas Pope

Born in 1728 at Zuchocky in Virginia. Bred a churchman, embraced the principles of the General Baptists in 1750 and had the ordinance administered to him by William Sargenor. Ordained by Rev. Messrs. Sargenor and Hart in 1754. Soon after he embraced the Free Grace scheme and took the care of this church. Died 1763. and was buried at Zuchocky. He Married Alice Ford by whom he had children named Amos, Edy.

* Matchipungo (a) William Fulsher
Meherrin (a) William Parker
~~Bitta~~ Bear River (a) —— Young field

# Tuckey Association

Began the Monday after the first Sunday in August 1769. Held the same time. It began with five churches Viz:-

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| Passquotank (g) 1 | Henry Abbot & James Garnet | } anno 1772 |
| Bartie | James Abbington, dead | |
| Tuckey (g) 2 | William Burgess | } first |
| Tar River Falls (g) 5 | John Moore | |
| Tosneot (g) 7 | Jonathan Thomas | |
| + Tar River | Henry Ledbetter | |
| + Fishing Creek (g) 4 | William Walker | |
| Red Banks (g) 9 | Jeremy Rheume | |
| Great Cohara | Edward Brown | |
| Three Creeks (g) 6 | ~~Tho Lilly & Jas Garnet~~ | |
| Bladen County | Stephen Hollingsworth | |
| Stony Creek (g) 10 | George Graham | |
| Swift's Creek (g) 8 | Joseph Willis | |
| Lower Fishing Creek (g) 3 | Charles Daniel | |
| Contantany (a) | Joseph Parker | |
| * Pungo (g) 11 | William Fulcher near the shore | |

1 William Burges
2 William Stagenor X
4 William Walker X
3 Joseph Parker X
5 John Moore X
6 Thomas Tully X
7 John Thomas X
8 Joseph Willis X
9 Jeremy Rheame X
10 George Graham X

Evangelist Hart

Ledbetter X

Smart X

Paul Palmer gathered a church at New River in the borders of South Carolina

Lower Fishing Creek

So distinguished from a creek which empties itself into Tar River, near to which the meetings stand, in the Parish of Edgecomb and county of Halifax, 120 miles NW from Newbern, and — SSW miles from Philadelphia. The church consists of 3 branches one near Fishing Creek where is a place of worship 40 feet by 20 built in 1757 on an acre of land the gift of James Hyat, senr: another on Swift Creek 8 miles off, the other in Rocky Swamp 12 miles off, where is a meeting house. No estate. No salary, but the people have offered it, and by their number and ability they could easily make it £100. Ruling elders admitted: No laying on of hands, devoting children used. The families about 350 whereof 74 persons are baptised and in

communion, which is here celebrated the 2nd Sunday in May, August, November, February, and at Rocky Swamp the 1st in May, August, November, February. The minister is Rev Charles daniel who has William Powell to his assistant. Their beginning was in this manner: From the beginning they had been a society belonging to Mr. Parker for about 8 years and on the Armenian plan; but October 13. 1756 the following persons were formed into a church on the Calvanistic order by the help of Rev. Thomas Pope viz: James Wyat sen'r, Nathaniel Powell, Mary Cullender, Francis Spivy, Sarah Spivy, James Wyat jun. No very remarkable events except that it increased faith and is a mother church, that in the meadows near Roanoke being its offspring. The first minister

since the reform is the present viz;

Rev. Charles Daniel.

Born January — 1731 near Richmond in Virginia. Bred a churchman; embraced the principles of the Baptists in the spring of 1749 and had the ordinance administered to him by Rev. Josiah Hart at Fishing Creek. Ordained August 16. 1753 by said Hart and Rev. Henry Ledbetter at said Fishing Creek But in 1755 changed his sentiments towards the doctrines of grace chiefly by means of reading Mr. Whitfields sermons; became minister of this church soon after the time of the constitution November 15. 1756. Married Amy Clark but has no issue. He is reputed a knowing and a wise man and therefore often consulted in civil affairs. He dropped preaching from the time he suspected

the orthodoxy of his first ~~same~~ principles.
till he was settled in the doctrines of
Grace and had an assurance that
he himself was in a state of grace

So called from the part of Tar River, near to which the meeting house stands, in the county of Edgecomb 110 miles NW from Newbern and — miles SSW from Philadelphia. The church consists of 2 branches one near said Falls, where is a place of worship 30 feet by 20, erected in 1764 on a lot of one acre the gift of William Horn; the other near the Mouth of Swift's Creek 15 miles off. The families about 100 whereof 64 persons are baptized and in communion which is here celebrated the 3rd Sunday in January, April, July, October, No estate. The salary but presents to the amount of about £20. Ruling elders admitted. No laying on of hands. They had their beginning by a kind of transformation from General into

Particular Baptists. The means were Rev. John Moore and wife Robert Surgenor and wife, Peter Herndon and wife John Baker. These 7 persons were (December 3. 1757) incorporated by help of Rev Charles Daniel. The most remarkable events are. (1) That they had been a society for about 12 years before on the Arminian plan; first Rev. Moore by reading "Fishers Marrow of Modern Divinity" and "Byniau's Law and Grace," also conversing with William Hallis then the congregation was brought over to the same sentiments. The first minister is the present

Rev. John Moore,

He has John Tanner to his assistant. Rev. Moore was born in Nansymond county Virginia, August 13 1717. Bred a churchman. Baptised September

1746 by William Sargeant Ordained October 30. 1748 by said Sargeant and Josiah Hart. Became minister of this church at the constitution. He was remarkably sober from his youth but was convinced of the sin of his nature by reading the 3rd sermon of Daniel Smith called "The Great Assize." He was in this troubles for 15 years and never got rest to his soul till he embraced the doctrine of Grace. He married Sarah Meredith by whom he has Children: John Elizabeth, Kezziah Bethsheba Elisha Lewis Sarah

Kehukey.

Distinguished by the name of a creek emptying into Roanoak, near to which the meeting house stands in the county of Halifax, 120 miles NW from Newbern and — miles SSW Philadelphia. The house is 40 feet by 20 built in 1742 on land given by the late Rev. William Sojourner. No estate. No salary except presents. Elders and laying on of hands admitted. The families about 150 whereof 115 persons are baptized and in communion, here celebrated the first Lords day in February, May, August, November. The present minister, Rev. William Burgess. They began in the following manner: Several of the ~~old~~ general Baptists embraced the doctrines of grace by means of William Hollis. Which names were: Rev Thomas Pope and wife, Abraham Dew,

Abner Andrews, Richard Bailey, John Rhodes, John Moore, Francis Spivy, Jane Bryant Elizabeth Atkinson, these 10 persons were (December the 11, 1755) by means of Messrs. Miller and Vachon incorporated into a distinct church. The most remarkable things are (1) This is the first church in the province of particular Baptists; and mother of Bartee and Nottaway (to be constituted June 13, 1772) (2) This had been a General Baptist church since 1742 and had William Sogourner, Edward Brown, to their Ministers and then Pope, (Sogourner) died February 18, 1749 aged 43 years and 7 months. Married Mary West alias Widow Boykin, by whom he had children Jacob, Ann Lamar, Brown is alive. The first minister was

Rev. Thomas Pope.

Born near Blackwater in Virginia. Bred a churchman. Baptised by Mr. Sojourner. Ordained about 1751. Took care of the church after Brown, and resumed it at the new constitution in 1755. Died March 1, 1762. Married Alice Freeman (alias widow Ford) by whom he had children Edy. Amos (he single, she married Richard Hamlin, after Mr. Pope, Mr. Charles Daniel supplied them. Then came on

Rev. John Waggoner.

Born January 7, 1730 in Maryland, Bred a Presbyterian. Baptised by William Walker at Fishing Creek 3rd Sunday in May. 1765. Ordained 2nd Sunday in February 1767 by Messrs. Daniel, Abbot and Moore. Took the care of the church in 1768. Resigned May 2 1772 in favor of Mr. Burgess. Married

Lettice Helms, by whom he has children, Sarah, Ann, Elizabeth, His successor is the present

Rev. William Burgess

Born December 24 1731 at Pasquotank. Baptised by William Burgess. Ordained May 2 1772 by Messrs Moore, Edwards, Meglarne and Thomas, at which time he took care of the church. Married Sarah Scarborough after her Penelope Bryant: his children, Mary, Malachi Elizabeth, Mourning, Bryant, Winifred Dempsy John, Sarah

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